

**Table 17****TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE**

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

September 13, 1998 through August 24,1999  
Metric Tons

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>1998/1999 Quota</i>	<i>Imports to Date</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	11,000	6,471	58.8%
Brazil	80,200	44,251	55.2%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	2,657	26.6%
Guatemala	9,625	742	7.7%
Malawi	12,000	6,280	52.3%
Philippines	3,000	48	1.6%
Thailand	7,000	2,194	31.3%
Zimbabwe	12,000	4,602	38.4%
Residual 2/	3,000	2,977	99.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,575</b>	<b>70,222</b>	<b>46.6%</b>

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate-quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first come/first served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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